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Art Unit : 3635
Examiner : B. Stephan
Applicants : Jonathan J. King et al.
Appln. No. : 09/692,663
Filing Date : October 20, 2000
Confirmation No. : 7520
For : PARTITION SYSTEM WITH ELEVATED RACEWAY

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR ORIGINAL FILING DATE OF CORRESPONDENCE

A response to the Office Action of June 4, 2002, was, in fact, timely filed. Enclosed are copies of the previously mailed correspondence including the Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and a copy of the postcard originally mailed on June 13, 2002. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.8, Applicants note that the Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 included a Certificate of Mailing signed and dated June 13, 2002 by Catherine M. Updegraff.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.8(b)(3), Applicants have included herewith a statement by Catherine M. Updegraff attesting to the fact that the Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 was timely filed by mail on June 13, 2002.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully assert that the Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 was timely filed. In the event there are any remaining informalities, the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT ATTESTING TO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING PREVIOUS
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I, Catherine M. Updegraff, did sign and date the original Certificate of Mailing for the Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 dated June 13, 2002, and timely deposited the Reply with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on June 13, 2002.

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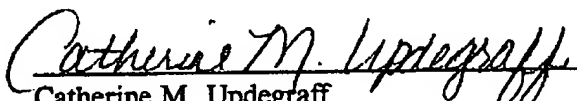
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In an Office Action dated February 12, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the present application contains claims directed to patentability distinct species as shown in Figs. 6 and 8.

Applicants elect the species of Fig. 8. Claims 1-26 are generic to the species of Figs. 6 and 8 because none of these claims are limited to either embodiment of the bracket that connects the raceway to the partition.

Applicants note that an amendment was filed on March 4, 2002 amending claims 1-6 to recite a partition, such that claims 1-26 are now believed to be part of the elected invention (Group II).

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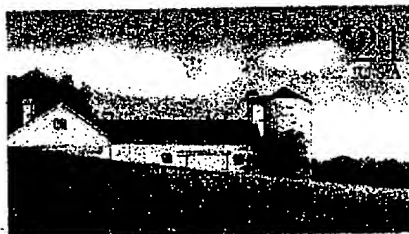
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